

SUBWAY PLAN SAFE THOUGH NOT SETTLED

Transit Company Officers Feel
No Uneasiness Concerning
Outcome of Dispute.

SULZER HAS LAST SAY

Entire Project May Be Nullified
If Governor Fails to Reap-
point Willcox.

The subway plan is not settled and yet it is safe. That is how the transit company and the officers of the transit companies felt about the long dispute yesterday. They realized that one sentiment contradicted the other, but they argued that there was no tangible ground for fear that the plan would not go through.

But when they came to attach dates to their prophecies they found that they had a different problem to solve. Would the contracts be signed before midnight next Friday, when the term of William R. Willcox, chairman of the Public Service Commission, expires? That was a poser. They couldn't tell. Would the time required for whipping the contracts into shape, plus the mechanics of passage by the Board of Estimate and ultimate signature, carry the conclusion of the dispute well into the first week of February? Perhaps.

The essence of all this uncertainty was not political, although it was of profound political importance. The reason for the uncertainty was resolved into several elements yesterday at the Public Service Commission. In the first place the time that Le Roy T. Harkness, lawyer for the commission, Richard Reid Rogers, lawyer for the Interborough, and George D. Yeomans, lawyer for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, would take to put into final form the numerous conferences was uncertain. It was supposed at the end of the conference last Friday night, when J. P. Morgan, Jr., Francis Lynde Stearns and T. D. Shonts went over the disputed points in the contracts with the city officers, that the lawyers could do the rest.

The next point of uncertainty was the amount of time that the Board of Estimate would take to approve the contracts. Emphasis was put on the statement that adoption of the contracts by the Public Service Commission does not mean the adoption of the plan. If the commission were able to adopt the contracts by the middle of the week, there would still be a good stretch of road ahead before the contracts could be executed. Corporation Counsel Watson must approve them. Mr. Watson has been at several of the recent conferences and is in general accord with the plan. But he might find dubious clauses to which he would take exception, and the correction of them would take time. After he has given his approval the Board of Estimate must pass them, and Mayor Gaynor must affix his signature.

The third point of uncertainty is whether the contracts, when they come back to the Public Service Commission for execution, will find a new chairman. Mr. Willcox's place. If Gov. Sulzer should name a successor to Mr. Willcox to take office at midnight on January 31, the new man, it was said yesterday, would probably pass upon the contracts. What he would do to them cannot be foretold. It was clear, however, that a hostile man could nullify the plan whether the operating contracts are signed or not.

A fourth point had to do with Mr. Willcox himself. It was said yesterday that if Gov. Sulzer should stand up some day and say, "I'll give Willcox ten days more to finish these operating contracts," the chairman would be strongly tempted to reply to Mr. Sulzer, "My time is up, not ten days hence, but now. I will not pull your chestnuts out of the fire." The effect of such an action would be to put the responsibility for the contracts squarely upon the Governor, for with the commission evenly divided the Governor's appointment would have the deciding vote.

It was pointed out to Mr. Willcox yesterday that only in this way would the sincerity of Mr. Sulzer's attacks upon the contracts be demonstrated.

There were no conferences yesterday and none were expected for today. Mr. Willcox and Mr. McAneny, together with Timothy S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, but Mr. McAneny said that their talk was not in the nature of a conference. Mr. Willcox said:

I don't want to say that all the points are settled, but the main suggestions made at the public hearings have been provided for. Probably the announcement will be made in the open sessions of the commission when the contracts are ready for adoption. The lawyers are now drafting clauses for the joint operation by the B. R. T. and the Interborough of the line in Queens county. The arrangement must be flexible for the future may show that one company should run twice as many trains over those tracks as the other. But the question is a simple one and can be easily decided.

URGE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS.

Queens Taxpayers Send Telegrams

to Sulzer After Meeting.
More than fifty civic, taxpayers and improvement associations from different parts of Queens were represented at a special meeting held in the chambers of Commerce of Queens, when plans were made for the holding of a mass meeting in favor of the signing of the contracts for the dual subway system in which Queens is interested.

In addition to attending for the mass meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday or Thursday of this week, a telegram was sent to Gov. Sulzer recommending that the contracts for the dual subway system be signed without delay.

William H. Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, president, and James E. Wilkinson of the Long Island Real Estate Exchange, acted as secretaries. When the question of holding a mass meeting came up for discussion James E. Clonin, representing the Astoria Business Men's Association, said that within situation changed so rapidly that within the next twenty-four hours a mass meeting might be unnecessary.

"I take my information from the New York Sun," said Mr. Clonin, "I consider the Sun's account of the most conservative and best informed papers in the city, and this morning it stated in a leading article that the contracts are ready and could be signed within the next forty-eight hours."

Julius Harter, president of the United Civic Associations of Queens, which represents thirty associations, was not in favor of holding a meeting to urge the

retention of Commissioner Willcox in office. "Mr. Willcox knew when his term was to expire," said Mr. Harter, "and if his presence is necessary in these contracts are signed action should have been taken some time ago."

FIVE MORE FOR WILLCOX'S JOB

President Connolly of Queens Borough Gives Names to Sulzer.

ALBANY, Jan. 25. Maurice E. Connolly, President of Queens borough, conferred with Gov. Sulzer today on the subway situation. He submitted a list of five residents of Queens borough, saying the appointment to the Public Service Commission of any one of them would be acceptable to the borough residents. He refused to say whose names he gave the Governor.

FOSTER FATHER WINS FIGHT FOR A CHILD

Parents Said He Asked \$1,000
for Return, but Court
Dismisses Case.

A story that the foster father of a child had demanded \$1,000 from the real parents for the return of the child, and that the foster father had demanded \$1,000 from the real parents for the return of the child, was told to Supreme Court Justice Hendrick yesterday in a proceeding by Leo Nack and his wife, Anna, to regain possession of their eight-year-old son, Isidor, also known as Harry Cohen. The boy is now with a foster father, Solomon Feldstein.

Justice Hendrick dismissed the proceeding on the ground that the parents had abandoned the boy when he was an infant and that the foster father has a right to his custody, although the real parents may be better able to care for him. The case was heard before Maurice Meyer as referee, whose recommendation was confirmed by the court. The testimony showed that the boy was born on June 11, 1904, and shortly afterward his father disappeared. Mrs. Nack took the boy to Gouverneur Hospital when he was four months old and registered him under the name of Harry Cohen. She said she gave the boy a fictitious name because she had quarreled with her husband and wanted the boy to herself. When she did not claim the boy he was sent to a foundling hospital and was adopted by Feldstein and his wife.

Nack remained away from New York until 1910, but when he returned to his wife they started a search for the boy. They finally found him in the possession of Feldstein, whose wife had just died. They alleged that Feldstein made the offer to return the boy for a money consideration, and offered testimony that Feldstein is a gambler and leaves the child alone at night.

The referee said that there was no proof that the boy was neglected, except on one occasion. He criticized the parents and said: "The father was most callous in ascertaining the whereabouts of the child, and equally indifferent upon the subject of his wife. The sudden solicitude of these parents for their offspring was shown in 1911. I cannot fathom the working of their minds."

SOCIETY AT TAMPA BAY.

Colonial Baffle and Delightful Parties Entertain Season.

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 25. Monday evening the Tampa Bay Hotel was the scene of an especially pretty ball, the first annual colonial ball to be given in Tampa. The costumes were most picturesque and all those dancing were attired in the quaint styles prevailing in Colonial times. A committee awarded prizes for the prettiest and also the oldest costumes. The latter prize being won by Louise Louise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner De Leon Lewis, formerly of South Carolina. She wore a quaint gown which was worn in years past by her great-great-grandmother. Special dancing features were given during the evening. Forty little boys and girls dressed in colonial costumes danced the minuet gracefully. Their costumes were elaborate and they attracted considerable attention and comment. Little Miss Constance Leroux of Atlanta, who is a winter visitor at the Tampa Bay with her mother, danced the Mignonne Flower Dance with unusual grace.

Tuesday evening the officers of the United States gambol Wheeling were honor guests at a special ball given by Mr. Stansford at the Tampa Bay Hotel. This was largely attended by hotel guests and city residents and proved one of the most enjoyable balls of the winter. It was held at a special hall given by Mr. Stansford at the Tampa Bay Hotel. This was largely attended by hotel guests and city residents and proved one of the most enjoyable balls of the winter. It was held at a special hall given by Mr. Stansford at the Tampa Bay Hotel. This was largely attended by hotel guests and city residents and proved one of the most enjoyable balls of the winter.

Thursday of next week, January 30, the annual charity ball given by the Elks of the city will occur at the Tampa Bay Hotel. This is always one of the most magnificent occasions of the winter season and attended by an unusually large crowd. The proceeds are used for benevolent purposes. Several committees are now working to complete arrangements for this function. The golf links at the Tampa Automobile club continue to be quite popular in spite of the summer season. Florida has been enjoying for the past few weeks. Parties are continually on the course and greatly enjoy the sport.

Notes of the Social World.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Vos will give this afternoon at their studio, 15 West Sixty-seventh street, a reception for Mrs. Julia Culp.

Members of the Daughters of the Cincinnati will give a reception and tea at the Gotham on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alphonse Jongers will give a dance for her cousin, Miss Frances Montagu Ward, on Saturday at her house, 40 West Fifty-first street.

Miss Harriet Ashton Clarkson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton C. Clarkson, who is married to Louis A. Heald, U. S. A., in St. Agnes Chapel on Saturday afternoon.

In New York To-day.

Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, meeting, Public School 62, Heister, corner of Essex street, 2 P. M.

Hebrew Free Loan Society, annual meeting, 108 Second avenue, 2 P. M.

Meeting Board of Directors of Mt. Sinai Hospital, administration building, 100th street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, 11:15 A. M.

Color Conference, John W. Alexander, Colony Club, 9 P. M.

American Hebrew Aid Society, dances, Hotel Astor, 8 P. M.

Public Forum, Manhattan Congregational Church, address by Chairman Curran of the Aldermanic committee on the investigation of the Police Department, 8 P. M.

POLICE GRAFT HUNT NOT YET FINISHED

District Attorney Is Hampered
by Efforts to Block
Inquiry.

TRIALS TO COME NEXT

Curran Committee to Investi-
gate Detectives This
Week.

Reports published yesterday that the investigation into police graft was practically at an end unless some of the men indicted confess and implicate others were not received kindly by any of the agencies through which the investigation is being carried on. The reports came out of the adjournment of the extraordinary Grand Jury until February 17.

No secret has been made of the fact that the District Attorney's office and the Curran Aldermanic committee have met with every sort of obstacles and that as a result the investigation has proceeded more slowly. Witnesses who knew of this have been loath to come forward and tell their stories, fearing harm from organizations in the underworld.

One of the members of the District Attorney's staff pointed out yesterday some time must be taken to prepare for the forthcoming trials, which will begin with that of Policeman Eugene Fox on February 2. The trial of Sipp's former lawyer, Edward J. Newell, indicted for a misdemeanor, probably will be moved as soon as the Fox matter is disposed of. Meanwhile efforts to get in touch with Thomas J. Dorian have not been discontinued and it is hoped he may be brought before the extraordinary Grand Jury when it reconvenes in February.

The trials of Policemen John J. Skelly, Manny Maus and Sol Wolf, all accused by Mrs. Goode, will follow. The Curran committee will begin this week an investigation into the detective bureau with particular reference to how detectives are chosen and why and their work. One of the topics will be the whole business of the detective bureau's "big" cases, which receive many columns of publicity in the newspapers for a time and then after that drop out of sight.

Another feature will be a thorough investigation of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the Lieutenants' Association. The pension fund also will come in for a careful looking over. Among the witnesses, it is expected, will be former Mayors Seth Low and George H. McClellan and all the living former Police Commissioners.

The committee also will make an inquiry into the cost of living as it applies to policemen, going into specimen family budgets to find if they are sufficient wages and whether difficulty in supporting their families is not an incentive to dishonest practices.

MRS. PUTNAM'S COSTUME DANCE.

Guests Wear Finery That Was the Mode Eighty Years Ago.

Mrs. Robert E. Putnam gave a costume dance last night at her home, 147 East Thirtieth street. The guests, who included many artist friends of the hostess, were in costumes of the 1830 period. There was general dancing and at midnight supper and small talk. With an impromptu vaudeville entertainment in which some of the guests took part.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dabbs, Mrs. Dabbs, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frankes, Mr. and Mrs. Blenden Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Heston, Mrs. Edna K. Wallace, Miss Sarah McConnell, the Misses Denning, Harold Denning, Miss Catherine Burritt, Arthur Colton, Robert Edwards, Witter Byner and John Kilner.

BENEFIT AT THE PLAZA.

Friends of the Warren Goddard House Give a Varied Entertainment.

Under the auspices of the Friendly Aid Society of the Warren Goddard House, a settlement at 216 and 248 East Thirty-fourth street, there was given last night in the ballroom of the Plaza for the benefit of that organization a vaudeville entertainment, costume dance and bazaar called "Little Cove Island." Amateurs who are interested in the settlement took part in the vaudeville that opened the carnival. There were songs and monologues by Miss Minnie Davis and Miss Harriet Moore. Miss Lillian Robertson and John Morris danced Russian dances. Brad Ashworth and D. A. Vaughan gave long dances and impersonations and Mrs. Robert McCann and Miss Mary Edith Gorman sang, accompanied by Mme. Katherine Allan Lively, pianist. Mrs. McCann also directed the chorus.

There were many fancy booths and side shows, where refreshments were sold and fortunes told. Several other interesting novelties attracted the guests. Afterward there was general dancing, those who took part in the carnival remaining in their costumes.

Among those present were Mrs. Charles Laidley and the Misses Agnes London, Ruth Davis, Sybil Davis, Marion Denning, Elizabeth Dwyer, Marion Edlitz, Dorothy Freeman, Lillian E. Frazer, Frances Wrenn, Mary Vogel, Frances Thorne, Viola Townsend, Eleanor Townsend, Elizabeth Russell, Maude Lehman, Jeanette Kissel, Annie C. Goddard, Beatrice Glogau, Dorothy Hurry, Regina Glogau, Abby Morrison, Alice Pine, Edith Pine, Dorothy Perkins, Elizabeth Russell and Gertrude Schirmer.

NEW JERSEY NOTES.

Wilson Taylor of the Hoboken Board of Education was arrested yesterday charged with embezzling \$50 in an insurance deal from Herbert J. Ware of Oradell, N. J. Taylor was released on \$200 bail for a hearing before Recorder McGovern next Tuesday morning.

Judge Harry V. Osborne of the Court of Common Pleas may be named to succeed Prosecutor Wilbur A. Mott of Newark when the latter's term expires in April, it is said.

"I'll be with you in a minute," remarked Thomas Mitchell, a merchant of Rockaway, to a customer. Before he could keep his word he was away and fell dead behind the counter.

After gashing both wrists and firing a bullet into his head to kill himself Paul Chausen of Stunton is still alive in Overlook Hospital. He recently had financial setbacks.

Assistant Attorney-General Gaskill of Trenton today demanded an explanation from the Lackawanna Railroad for its recent action in refusing to honor the pass of Mahlon Hoagland, a member of the State Water Supply Commission living at Rutherford.

40 HURT IN TROLLEY WRECK.

Buffalo Eagles Celebrate in Collision—One Dies in Hospital.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Forty persons were injured, one fatally, early this morning in a collision between a trolley train of two cars and a freight train on the tracks of the International Railway. The trolley cars, both full of passengers, were telescoped and the rear car of the freight train was demolished. The trolley train was returning from a trip to the celebration of the Buffalo Eagles.

A flagman sent back from the freight train declared he waved his lantern until the trolley train was close to him, then he had to jump for his life. The trolley train, he said, was running at a speed of thirty miles an hour.

James L. Mack died in the hospital after the crash. Fred Simmons is not expected to live.

Midwinter Days in Camden S.C.

Judge and Mrs. Seabury Guests at the Kirkwood—Golf and Polo.

CAMDEN, S. C., Jan. 21.—Brilliant sunshine and balmy air laden with the fragrance of the pine render the midwinter days most enjoyable to the Northern tourists in Camden. Safford links and those of the country club are dotted with enthusiastic golfers, while the polo field presents a lively spectacle with the tri-weekly practice games in progress. The Camden team is justly proud of its polo record and promises to do great things this season. Twice they have been winners of the Southern Circuit cup, which this year will be played for at Aiken.

Godfrey Preece of New York has been elected manager of the team and is at the Kirkwood with his string of ponies. C. M. Taylor of New York will arrive this week with ten ponies from his Montana ranch and expects to make his headquarters at the Hobkirk Inn.

On Sunday evening a concert was held in the parlors of the Kirkwood in honor of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Miss Wainwright by the orchestra of the Kirkwood and vocal solos were sung by Miss Caroline E. Broadbent of the College for Women of Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Sol Smith Russell of New York, who for several years has made Camden her winter home, is again established at the Court Inn.

Judge Samuel Seabury and Mrs. Seabury of New York are guests at the Kirkwood street. Visitors here for the season include Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Ellis of Jericho,

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